



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Laurence Michael Byrne  
Appl. No. : 10/009,947  
Filed : May 7, 2002  
For : MATERIALS HANDLING SYSTEM  
Examiner : Raymond B. Johnson  
Art Unit : 3652

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August 2, 2004

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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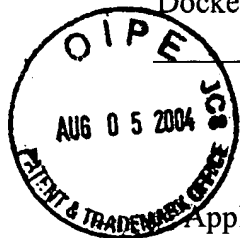
**GROUP 3600**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 2, 2004, the Applicant hereby elects Claim Group II and III, i.e. Claims 4-11 and 12-19, respectively, which the Examiner indicated in the Office Action to be retained as a single inventive concept. The Applicant makes this election without traverse and respectfully requests prompt examination on the merits of the elected claims.

By this paper, the Applicant hereby withdraws Claim Group I, i.e. Claims 1-3, however reserves the right to pursue the restricted subject matter in subsequent divisional application(s).

A complete listing of claims and their status begins on page 2 of this paper.



## AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in five (5) pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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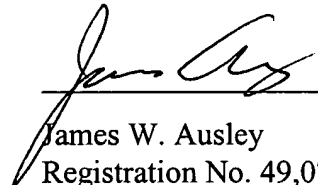
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- (X) Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.



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